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*Duplication of county service eliminated*

**Birth, death certificates no longer available from Village**

Beginning Jan. 1, birth and death certificates will no longer be available through the Oak Park Department of Public Health in Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

The County Clerk is the official record keeper for births and deaths that occur in Chicago and suburban Cook County, but the Village's Health Department had offered the service for births and deaths that occurred in Oak Park as a convenience to residents.

However, with Oak Parkers accounting for only about 12 percent of all vital record requests made annually through the Health Department, and costs exceeding revenues from fees, the local service will be transferred back to the county beginning in 2008.

Officials say eliminating the service should have minimal impact since Cook County offers a range of convenient ways to acquire a birth or death certificate, such as suburban satellite offices, online and through currency exchanges.

Detailed information, including a list of county offices and participating currency exchanges searchable by zip code, is posted at [www.cookctyclerk.com](http://www.cookctyclerk.com). Information also is available by calling 312.603.7790.

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